

WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP OF GREATER RHOD ISLAND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'S ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Board Members

Alexis Devine*
Allen P. Durand
Andrew T. Tyska*
Betty Pleacher*
Bob Cooper
Carmen Ferguson
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Cynthia Farrell
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Nancy Roderick*

Paul Harden

Pat Talin

Paul Ouellette

Peter Koch

Phil Stone

Raymond Filippone

Raymond Pingitore*

Robin Ann Smith

Scott Seaback*

Steven Kitchin

Steven Wilson

Susan O'Donnell

Vanessa Cooley

Victoria Gaillard-Garrick

Wendy Kagan

Guests Present

Hon. Donald L. Carcieri

Andrea Castaneda

Angelo Dafonsaeca

Anne Walsh

Annette Berarducci

Armand Tessaglia

Camille Vallaro

Carla Spermulli

Cheryl DaCosta

Connie Parks

Dan Brown

David Banno

David Tremblay

Deborah Varga

Ed. Lambardo, Jr. Helder Videira

Staff Present

Christine Grieco

Brian Gambardella

Carlos Ribeiro

Cristin Grenier

***Board members absent**

James Hagan

Janet Raymond

Jim Glover

Jim Larisa, Jr.

Jo-Anne Thibedeau

John Carnavalle

Joseph Healey

Judith Rodrigues

Julie O'Connell

Kathleen Stoddart

Laura Hart

Lee Lewis

Lissa Dreyer

Maria Casale

Maria Ferreira

Marie DeRoche

Erin Snell

Gail DuPont

Jen Buck

Kara Aniballi

Mark Perrotti

Maureen Mooney

Mavis McGetrick

Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lalley, Esq.

Nancy Olson

Paul Genovesi

Rebecca Mahle

Robert Ricci

Ronni Gannek

Scott Greco

Sherri Carello

Sue Chomka

Thomas Fay, Esq.

Wendy Mackie

Victoria Jeffsenese

Kathy Tobin-Henry

Pam Blais

Sharon Geoffrey

Shirley Winslow

With a quorum present, Chairman Steven Kitchin introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island at 8:30 AM. He introduced the Board Officers: Paul Ouellette, Vice Chair, Pat Talin, Secretary, and

Joseph DiPina, Treasurer. Also seated at the head table were Christine Grieco, Executive Director and the guest speakers Governor Donald L. Carcieri and Sandra Powell, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training.

Chairman Kitchin introduced guest speaker, the Honorable Governor Donald L. Carcieri.

Highlights of Governor Donald L. Carcieri's speech:

Governor Carcieri thanked Director Powell and her whole team for the outstanding job they have done and the success of netWORKri centers. He said this is by far the worst economic down offices have processed 38,000 people and these people gave the One Stop Centers a 90% positive rating.

There has been a shift in jobs for Rhode Island from manufacturing to high tech. Rhode Island in the 1900's was the wealthiest state in the nation with the manufacturing of textiles, and jewelry industries, these items now are manufactured in China.

The Governor discussed the New England Common Assessments Progress (NECAP) where four states (RI, VT, ME, NH) came together with the same set of testing standards. The NECAP data shows proficiency is moving in the right direction and what needs to be done in the future. The number one issue is to get the right kind of training for young people, adult literacy and workforce training.

Governor's Citation:

Governor Carcieri presented Michael Cassidy a Citation from the State of Rhode Island and thanked him for his years of dedicated service on the Board of Workforce Partnerships of Greater Rhode Island.

Chairman Kitchin introduced Sandra M. Powell, Director of Labor and Training.

Highlights of Director Powell's speech:

Director Powell noted the achievements of the WPGRI's Board of Directors and their key efforts with the youth, dislocated workers and adults. There have been 1,000 people placed in jobs such as child care, clothing industry and more. Investment this year has been critical training youths in workforce readiness programs, such as reading, writing and math. Congratulations for another successful year.

Chairman Kitchin thanked Director Powell. He then moved to the business portion of the meeting. He related to those present that the Workforce of Greater Rhode Island falls under the Workforce Investment Board mandated by the Workforce Investment Act. WPGRI represents 37 of the 39 cities and towns of Rhode Island which serves both youth and adults by providing workforce development programs. The Board met nine times over the past year.

He called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM and asked that all the Board members review the minutes to be found in their packets from the May 11, 2010 WPGRI Board Meeting.

VOTE: Peter Koch moved to approve the minutes. Phil Stone seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Kitchin presented the Consent Agenda from the June 1, 2010 Executive Committee meeting. The Board members had electronic copies for review available before today's meeting. He stated that the Board has the option of approving the agenda in full or in part.

VOTE: Vanessa Cooley motioned to accept the Consent Agenda in full as presented. Ray Filippone seconded. Chairman Kitchin asked if there was any discussion of any item on the Consent Agenda. There was not. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

Steven Kitchin started by introducing and thanking all the Committee Chairs for the work during this past program year. Mr. Kitchin reported the Executive Committee reviews committee work, personnel items, and prepares agendas for the full Board meetings. He thanked the support staff and the Executive Director Christine Grieco for her marvelous leadership. Mr. Kitchin thanked Pat Talin as

a very valuable part of the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee.

Strategic Development Committee:

Paul Harden stated he wanted to publically thank his committee members and well as Jen Buck, Gail DuPont and Shirley Winslow for the outstanding job done this year. There has been additional funding for On the Job Training (OJT) and Marine Industry training. The Strategic Committee partners with the GWB (Governor's Workforce Board) works with the One Stop Centers to continue funding the ITA and OJT programs.

Board Development Committee:

Paul Ouellette recognized the members of his committee. Mr. Ouellette thanked Chairman Kitchin as Chair of the Board of Directors for attending all the meetings.

Quality Assurance:

Michael Cassidy thanked his committee and the Executive Director Christine Grieco for her support. This committee tracks the work of the netWORKri centers. The committee sees the numbers of people served by the netWORKri centers, which provide training, education and necessary assistance to those looking for work. Mr. Cassidy reports that he and the Quality Assurance Committee will be monitoring the Woonsocket, Pawtucket and the West Warwick netWORKri sites over the summer and will report back to the Board in

September.

Youth Committee:

Cynthia Farrell noted last summer at this time we had a great deal of money to spend. Last year we received ARRA funds; there were 18 vendors who served 907 young people for early work experience. Over the summer 3 million was spent on 11 different WIA programs and 5 Youth Center contracts. During this program year we have completed an RFP and are waiting for funds. Ms. Farrell notes with two new members the Youth Council now totals 23 members. Ms. Farrell thanked the staff and Carlos Ribeiro for his outstanding work.

Awards and Recognition

Executive Director Christine Grieco and DLT Director Sandra Powell handed out awards for outstanding service to the following netWORKri employees, Judith Rodrigues – John Carnavalle and Lissa Dreyer from SER Jobs for Progress.

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Kitchen called for a motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Annual Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Winslow